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Coast Guards
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion has been sought from the State Governments for tackling entry of terrorists from coastal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of coast guards to maintain the coastal security of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): The coastal security review is carried out periodically through National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security against threats from the Sea (NCSMCS) under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary and Steering Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs where all coastal States / UTs are its members, wherein all relevant matters of coastal security are discussed.

(c) & (d): In an expanding organization like Coast Guard, augmentation of ships, aircraft, infrastructure, equipment and manpower is an ongoing process to maintain the coastal security of the country. At present, Coast Guard assets have increased from 60 ships / Interceptor Boats / Air Cushion Vehicles in early 2009 to 125 in 2016. The air assets have also been increased with the current fleet of 62 aircraft compared to 46 aircraft in 2009. Coast Guard has 42 stations at different locations along the coast line and island territories in comparison to 22 stations in 2009. The sanctioned strength of Coast Guard has increased from 8,006 to 15,714 at present. Further, Static radars have been installed along the Indian Coastline for electronic surveillance of vessel traffic.
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